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In the Atlantic Monthly for August Mr. Samuel Phillips Verner has an unusually readable article on "The African Pygmies," whom he has visited and studied in their native town in Central Africa, on the Kasai River, a tributary of the Congo. These are the true pygmies of Herodotus, the fabled dwarfs of Ethiopia. The little folk lived in a city called Ndombe, ruled over by a king of the same name. There are about 5,000 in the city, and 300 more around it. They dwell in little huts shaped like a beehive, with an opening on the side at the bottom, barely large enough to admit their bodies crawling. Although a full grown negro could not even lie down at full length in such a house, one of them suffices for a pygmy and his whole family, sometimes consisting of a wife and half a dozen child-

The pygmies are occupied almost solely in hunting and fishing, their chief weapon being a bow and poisoned arrows. These arrows have no heads except the mere sharpened point of bamboo, but they are dipped into a vegetable decoction which is one of the most fatal poisons known, and which produces insanity or death almost imnediately, even if the arrow makes not much more than a scratch.

The pygmy community is ruled by giant king, Ndombe, who stands six eet six inches in stature, with broad, square shoulders, Herculean limbs, and massive statuesque features of a disinctively Egyptian cast, Mr. Verner ays he has never seen the man's physcal superior. He has thirty-one wives and over forty children, and his family connections are so extensive that they occupy a whole town. The pygmies hemselves, however, do not usually have more than one wife.

The clothing of the little negroes was he most primitive imaginable. The children and some of the women went nude, and the most elaborate costume mounted to nothing more than a yard garment being obtained from the other cludes water rates.

The average height of fifty grown nen of the Batwa village was fifty-one and seven-eighths inches, or four feet and nearly four inches. Seven of these inches high, and five of them were over four feet six inches. It was very diffito measurement, but eight of them mothers of families, averaged fortyalent color was a light chocolate brown

The older men wore scanty beards,

The head of the pygmy is of the brachycephalic order. The mean cranial index of the skulls of eight adult males was eighty-one degrees. The nose was small, but more aquiline than that of the real negro. The mouth was large the chin receding. The hair of a lighter color,-almost shade of brown,-and was kinky and woolly. Their hands and feet were and well shaped, the hands in particular being delicately formed. In proportion to their size, their strength ar exceeded that of all the other Africans. Their powers of endurance on the march or in the chase were phenomenal. Fifty miles a day was an ordinary march for them, and they were almost as much at home in the trees as the monkeys themselves. The senses of quite a distance, they could distinguish the chameleon from the foliage in which it was hidden, notwithstanding the fact that the color of the little animal coinwith that of its hiding-place through the powers of the nose, and it is no exaggeration to say that the pygthat of their dogs. They were such send an arrow through a rat at twenty yards, while it was running across the village. The Bantu would spear fish as they leaped from the water, or darted among the rocks in the streams. Mr. Verner cites the scientific fac-

that no traces have been found of any human beings prior to the pygmies. It is certain that the little people have apparently preserved and enjoyed a physical entity for five thousand years. He does not attempt to decide between the various hypotheses as to the origin of the pygmy race, some holding that the ancestors of the pygmies were larger men, and that the present dwarfs are a degenerate race, and others that the pygmies have been unchanged from their creation. It is interesting to know that the Kasai valley has recently been opened to steam navigation, a steamboat for the river having been built at Richmond, Va., and that the ethnologists will have a good opportunity of making a thorough study of the pecul-

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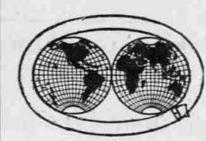
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